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CITY BLASTS SURVEY OF COURT

Asks Restudy Of Boundary For District

A strong protest to recommendations that the permanent facilities for a Superior Court to serve this area be located in Inglewood was made this week by Mayor Albert Isen on behalf of the city of Torrance.

In a telegram to the board of supervisors, Isen challenged the finding that Inglewood offered the most reasonable solution to the problem of locating the court facilities for the sprawling Southwest Superior Court District.

"Public convenience and interest require reconsideration of district boundaries," Isen's telegram stated. "Inglewood does not and cannot adequately serve the needs of the people of the South Bay, Lomita, Gardena, Torrance, and Palos Verdes Peninsula area," he said.

tail wagging the dog," Isen told the HERALD yesterday.

A SPECIAL meeting of the city's citizen court committee has been called for tomorrow evening by Attorney Boris S. Woolley, chairman of the group, to discuss the developments.

"We are not going to give up without a fight," Woolley said when he called the meeting.

Rites for Ex-Tartar Wednesday

Funeral services for Kenneth Wheat, who was killed when an automobile he was driving plunged off the highway between Strasburg and Nancy, France, last Monday, will be held Wednesday at 12:30.

Bishop H. Heaton Barker, of the Palos Verdes Ward, will officiate and the services will be held in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2000 W. 174th St. Henry Moyle, of Salt Lake City, will be the speaker. Burial will be at Green Hills Memorial Park.

The 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted M. Wheat, 139 Camino de las Colinas, and former Torrance high school student, had completed 25 of a 30-month assignment as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in France.

Contributions to the missionary fund may be made as a memorial, a spokesman for the family said.

Council Asked to Renew Weed Abatement Program

A recommendation that the city resume the weed abatement program on a limited and closely supervised basis will be made to the city council Tuesday night by City Manager George Stevens and the director of public works, Wade Peebles.

Peebles recommended that the program be resumed earlier this month in a report to the city manager, citing numerous complaints of property owners about weeds and fire

hazards on vacant property. of a garage apartment on the rear of a residential lot at 171st St. and Crenshaw Blvd. Members of the planning commission were unanimous in recommending that the petition be denied.

"THE CONTINUITY of personnel on this program is very important," Stevens wrote in a recommendation prepared Friday for the council.

He reminded the council, that the city currently is under contract for the program, and suggests that the contract be continued with the stipulation that "experienced personnel be assigned to the project."

Residents of the Torrance beach area will submit a petition asking the immediate acquisition of property along the beach to alleviate dust and other nuisances.

Courthouse Fight is for Keeps

What's the prize that goes to the city which is successful in its bid for the permanent Southwest Superior Court facilities?

Plenty, city officials said this week after reviewing the recommendations of the county administrative officer which went to the board of supervisors.

IN ADDITION to establishing the successful city as a "Capital City" of the county, it will mean a multi-million dollar building program, and a payroll within the city which could be the envy of any area.

Recommended is a courthouse which will contain 52,800 square feet to begin with and provide eight courtrooms, judges' chambers for eight, and space for three commissioners.

ALSO INCLUDED in the recommendations are a 4000-square-foot law library; space for court reporters, attorneys' conference rooms, offices for

the secretary to the presiding judge, and detention facilities.

The building should be designed so it could be expanded to provide suites for 12 courts when needed, the county report said.

Contemplated for the initial phase of the program will be three criminal and five civil courts to handle domestic relations, probate, and other civil type cases.

IN ADDITION to the court-related uses, the building would include space for representatives of the county clerk, district attorney, probation department, public defender, sheriff and bailiffs, according to the county recommendation.

Also included in the building would be service areas for maintenance, communications, employees' room and lockers, storage, and utilities.

THE LONG Beach courthouse dedicated recently has been eyed by local officials as the probable pattern which would guide erection of court facilities for this area.

It is a multi-million dollar structure designed to handle the bulk of the court traffic originating in the south and southeast section of the county.

THE SOUTHWEST District could expect a similar development, local officials believe, and the report issued this week bears them out.

For this reason, an all-out effort is being made by the city council and others to upset a recommendation that the court be located in Inglewood. Officials believe it should be here.

Federal Fund Shortage May Halt Project

A lack of federal funds may halt work on the San Diego Freeway through Torrance, the Inter-City Highway Committee was told this week by one of its members.

Gerald Honey, aircraft executive and long-time member of the committee, said the vital freeway project is threatened unless the federal government can find new sources of revenue to provide its share of the funds for the work.

THE SAN DIEGO Freeway is one of several in California entitled to receive federal financing up to 90 per cent of its cost because of its inter-regional nature.

"If Congress shuts off federal funds, Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties would lose between \$80 and \$90 million a year — half of the total contemplated expenditure for 1961-62," Honey told the group.

HONEY WAS reporting on a meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Traffic Assn., which he had attended on behalf of the Inter-City Committee.

Members of the local group directed letters to California Congressmen to ask their aid in the matter.

THE COMMITTEE also approved a 12-point priority program prepared by John J. Preis for local highway projects. Included in the recommendations for Torrance were development of Del Amo Blvd. through the city, which is now nearing realization, and widening and improvement of 190th St., especially in the area where it will handle traffic from the San Diego and Harbor Freeways.

William Cameron, committee chairman, asked Preis' group to continue the study and come up with a detailed priority list in the near future.

Max Benton To March at Inaugural

Cadet Third Class Max D. Benton, 19, a 1958 graduate of Torrance High School, will be among the more than 500 cadets of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy marching in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., next Friday.

Cadet Benton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Benton, 1325 Engracia Ave.

In addition to taking part in the parade, Benton and other cadets will be entertained at a reception that evening along with representatives of other military academies.

To Demonstrate Resuscitation

A demonstration of the "Closed Chest Cardiac Resuscitation" will be presented tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the South Bay Hospital by the emergency and disaster committee of the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.

The new technique will be taught to all nurses of the area hospitals by the committee.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think retirement cities like Youngtown, Ariz., offer older people greater security?" Youngtown gives retired people lower living costs, companionship, recreation and employment.

J. W. Little, 3229 Newton, retired.

"I think such cities are good and are needed in all parts of the country. I sure do. We older folks need something to do and something to think about. There's a trailer park over in Stanton doing the same thing."

Mrs. Harold Short, 16500 Cerise, housewife.

"I sure do. My Harold has three years to go on his retirement from his job with Cerney Machine Shop. When he does it would be wonderful to be able to live in security with people of our own ages and be able to make ends meet."

Larry Henderson, 16732 Crenshaw, barber.

"I have seen this Youngtown and a few other retirement cities like it. Man, if I can get there when I hang up my clippers I'll have it made. They have a golf course, pool, lake loaded with fish and a recreation hall. I won't have any time on my hands and I can cut a little hair to fill in."

Anna Hall, 1413 1/2 Marcelina, pensioner.

"I am for it if it is giving old people what they deserve. I like the idea of Youngtown's craft shops where the people living there can make things like purses and billfolds and sell them to visitors in the store. Our Torrance Adult Center is fine, but I'd like living in a city of older folks."

Jack Leighton, 16628 Ogram, garage mechanic.

"I've got some years before I retire, but I have started thinking about it. I don't want to live with my kids when I am too old to be the breadwinner. That place over there is a poor farm in the sky — happiness with free-



SHOW BOOSTER . . . Juli Redding, Miss Los Angeles Press Club, showed up this week to add push to the ticket sales for the annual Torrance Elks Lodge production of "Elks-a-Poppin" scheduled for Feb. 23, 24, and 25 at the Torrance High School auditorium. Here she helps Exalted Ruler Ace Littleton display a sign for the event. (Herald Photo)



GETS IN ACT . . . Mrs. Leonard Lane asks "Henry Higgins" if he wants his lunch of meat scraps. Henry is an owl and came scratching on her front door shortly after it was announced that an owl would be used as the Torrance Rose Parade entry. He has made 4000 Newton St. his home since. (Herald Photo)